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SUBJECT: REUTER'S REPORT ON PERCY VISIT

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BEGIN TEXT: "A VISITING U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION IS
URGING CHINA TO HELP LOWER TENSION IN DIVIDED KOREA, ONE
OF ITS LEADERS SAID TODAY.

SENATOR CHARLES PERCY (REP.-ILLINOIS) TOLD REUTER THE
DELEGATION WOULD RAISE THE KOREAN QUESTION DURING A MEET-
ING WITH SENIOR VICE-PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING HERE TODAY.

IT WILL ASK CHINA TO USE ITS INFLUENCE WITH NORTH KOREAN
PRESIDENT KIM IL SUNG NOT TO EXACERBATE THE SITUATION ON
THE PENINSULA, SENATOR PERCY ADDED.

LAST APRIL PRESIDENT KIM PAID A SURPRISE VISIT HERE--HIS
FIRST FOREIGN TRIP FOR MANY YEARS--RAISING SPECULATION HE
SOUNDED OUT CHINESE SUPPORT FOR A NEW MILITARY VENTURE.

A JOINT COMMUNIQUE AFTER HIS VISIT STRESSED THE PEACEFUL
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REUNIFICATION OF KOREA AND MADE CLEAR CHINA DID NOT WANT
TO SEE RENEWED CONFLICT ON THE PENINSULA.

SENATOR PERCY SAID HE WOULD INFORM THE CHINESE THAT

WHILE THE UNITED STATES WAS DETERMINED TO DEFEND SOUTH KOREA AGAINST INVASION IT WOULD ALSO ASK THE SEOUL GOVERNMENT TO HELP EASE TENSION.

THE U.S. DELEGATION, WHICH ARRIVED HERE LAST SUNDAY, WAS TOLD ITS DISCUSSIONS WITH MR. TENG WOULD LAST AT LEAST TWO HOURS--AN INDICATION OF THE IMPORTANCE CHINA ATTACHES TO RELATIONS WITH WASHINGTON.

MR. TENG IS THE COUNTRY'S MOST IMPORTANT OFFICIAL AFTER CHAIRMAN MAO TSE-TUNG AND AILING PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI.

THE CONGRESSIONAL PARTY WAS ALSO EXPECTED TO MEET FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO KUAN-HUA, AGRICULTURE MINISTER SHA FENG AND FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER LI CHIANG.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PARTY ARE SENATORS JACOB JAVITS (REP.-NEW YORK), CLAIBORNE PELL (DEM.-RHODE ISLAND), ADLAI STEVENSON JR. (DEM.-ILLINOIS) AND REPRESENTATIVES PAUL FINDLEY (REP.-ILLINOIS), PAUL MCCLOSKEY (DEM.-CALIFORNIA) AND MARGARET HECKLER (REP.-NEW YORK)." END TEXT. KISSINGER

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